Panel on Environmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Improving Air Quality

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 27 June 2012

(1) To provide a paper summarizing the achievements made in the past five years in improving the air quality of Hong Kong.

Review of Air Quality Objectives

(2) To provide a paper setting out the latest development of the post-2010 arrangements for emission reduction in the Pearl River Delta Region.

(3) To provide the monitoring results of respirable suspended particulates (PM10) and fine suspended particulates (PM2.5) for the period from 1999 to 2011. To also advise how these monitoring results could translate to the proposed new Air Quality Objectives for PM10 and PM2.5.

(4) To advise the number of existing pre-Euro, Euro I, and Euro II diesel commercial vehicles in Hong Kong, and the number of these vehicles which have been replaced under the two incentive schemes. To also advise the difficulties in putting forward disincentives (such as increasing the licence fees and frequency of annual inspection) to deter continued use of these vehicles.

(5) To advise the impact of the setting up of low emission zones on other districts since the ratio of low-emission franchised buses running in the latter districts will be reduced.

Interim findings of the trial of retrofitting franchised buses with selective catalytic reduction devices

(6) To advise the cost of the trial, the bus routes being serviced by the buses on trial, the anticipated funding in the event of a full-scale retrofit of the selective catalytic reduction (SCR) devices, and the parties (the Administration or the franchised bus companies) responsible for future replacement of SCR.

(7) To provide an analysis on the cost-effectiveness between subsidizing the franchised bus companies to advance their bus replacement programme (say from the existing 18 years to 15 years) and the proposed full-scale retrofit.

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